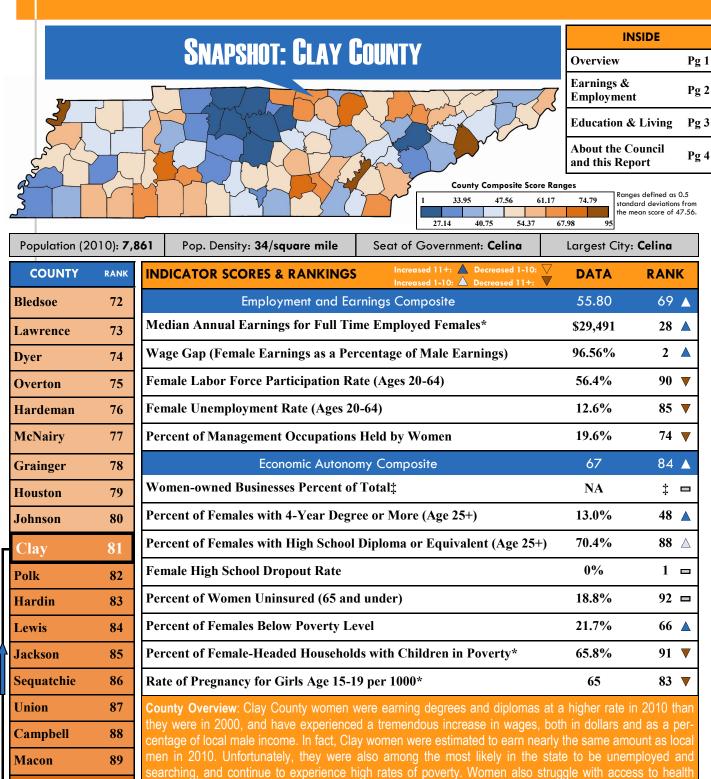
The Status of Women in Tennessee Counties



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Up from 92nd

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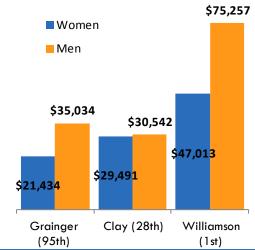
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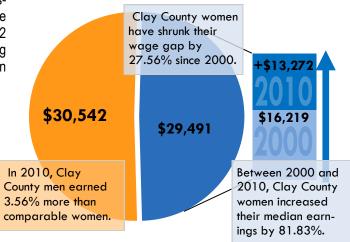
▲ Earnings

Clay County women made tremendous gains in median income between 2000 and 2010, increasing their rank from 95th to 28th with growth that more than tripled inflation rates. The increase of \$13,272 nearly doubled women's median earnings, bringing them close to even with Clay County men and within \$2,094 of the statewide figure of \$31,585.

Median Earnings: Counties Compared

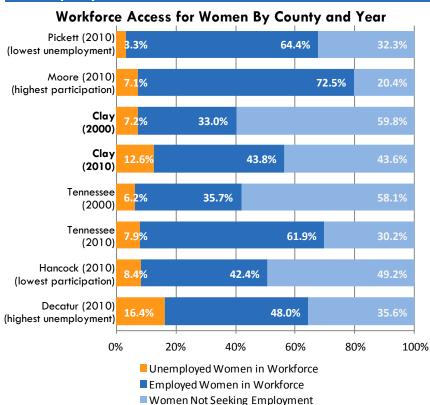


Median Earnings and the Wage Gap, 2000-2010



Male income in Clay County grew by a moderate rate of 30 percent between 2000 and 2010, adding roughly \$7,000 to an income level that continues to rank among the bottom earners in Tennessee. Pitted against this moderate growth, women in Clay County nearly eliminated the discrepancy in wages between genders, attaining the second highest rate of relative earnings: 96.56 percent.

▼ Employment



Women in Clay County participated in the workforce at a low rate of 43.8 percent in 2010, and growth in this category has been much slower in Clay than in most counties. As a result, the county dropped from 69th in 2000 to 90th in recent data. Women also lagged behind Clay County men, who participated at a rate of 77.7 percent.

In contrast to positive income trends and participation figures, women in Clay County were markedly more likely to be unemployed in 2010 than they were in 2000. Increasing from 7.2 percent to 12.6 percent, Clay's ranking in this indicator dropped from 73rd to 85th.

Both men and the subgroup of women with children under six were unemployed at roughly half the rate of women overall—5.7 percent and 5.8 percent, respectively.

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Women in Clay County held roughly 30 percent of the managerial positions available in 2010, up slightly from 28.7 percent in 2000. Due to the slow growth in this population, Clay County dropped from 30th to 74th in this indicator and trailed the state rate of 36 percent.

Because of the small sample sizes available in Clay County, reliable data is not available to track the rate of female business ownership in the county. As a result, Clay County has been given a neutral score in this indicator to ensure an accurate overall ranking outcome.

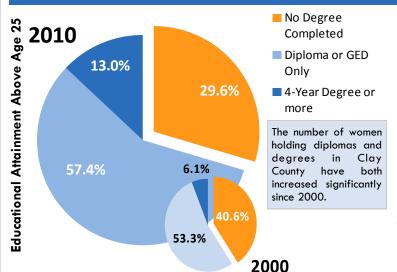
Women At Work

Business Management

The proportion of managerial positions in Clay County that are held by women increased from 28.7% to 29.6% between 2000 and 2010.



▲ Education



Increases in educational metrics have been significant in Clay County, particularly in the area of degree attainment. Between 2000 and 2010, the percentage of women holding four year degrees more than doubled (ranked 48th, up from 90th).

More women hold diplomas in the county as well, and this figure improved at a faster rate relative to it's peers in other counties, causing Clay to rise two ranks to 88th in this category.

Notably, the body of women holding neither a degree nor diploma in 2010 is only three-quarters what it was in 2000.

Dropout rates maintained their 2000 ranking of 1st place, with Clay County reporting zero.

▼ Living

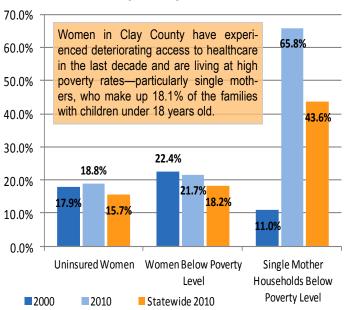
Women in Clay County saw slower-than-average decreases in access to healthcare between 2000 and 2010. As a result, the county's ranking in this category held at 92nd, where it was 10 percent greater than top-ranked Williamson County and roughly three percent higher than the statewide rate.

Relative to their peers in 2010, Clay County women lived in poverty at a high rate (ranked 66th), but actually improved from 89th-ranked 22.4 percent in 2000.

While Clay women, overall, were 3.5 percent more likely to live in poverty in 2010 than statewide figures suggested, single mothers were the more acutely affected by trends in this area. Between 2000 and 2010, single mothers become six times as likely to live in poverty, and were more than three times as likely to do so as the average women in Clay County or Tennessee.

The 2010 pregnancy rate among teens of 65 in 1000 girls compared poorly to the state rate of 37, and ranked 83rd in the state.

Health and Poverty Indicators for Women: Clay County, 2000-2010



About the Council and this Report

The Status of Women in Tennessee Counties report offers an economic profile of women in each county of Tennessee and examines how women's rights and equality vary among the counties. The report presents data and overall rankings in two categories of women's economic status: employment and earnings and economic autonomy. Indicators of women's status in each category make up the composite rankings of the counties.

The employment and earnings section presents data on women's annual earnings, the earnings gender gap, female labor force participation rate, the female unemployment rate, and the percent of management occupations held by women.

The economic autonomy section includes information on the percentage of businesses owned by women, educational attainment levels, percentage of women with any kind of health insurance, percentage of women living in poverty and percentage of single female-headed households living in poverty, the female high school dropout rate and the teen pregnancy rate.

The **Tennessee Economic Council on Women** was created in 1998 by the Tennessee General Assembly to assess Tennessee women's economic status. The Council develops and advocates solutions to address women's needs in order to help women achieve economic autonomy. In setting its priorities, the Council selects issues that are timely and likely to result in positive changes for women.

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